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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 11, SECTION 1 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO TO REQUIRE PUBLIC REGULATION
COMMISSIONERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Article 11, Section 1
of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

"A. The "public regulation commission" is created.
The commission shall consist of five members ~~[elected from
districts provided by law for staggered four-year terms
beginning on January 1 of the year following their election;
provided that those chosen at the first general election after
the adoption of this section shall immediately classify
themselves by lot, so that two of them shall hold office for
two years and three of them for four years; and further~~

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1 ~~provided that]~~ that serve for staggered four-year terms.

2 B. A member elected from a district shall serve the
3 remainder of the term of the member. The governor shall
4 appoint a member to replace an elected member at the date of
5 expiration of the term of the elected member. The governor
6 shall appoint a member to replace an appointed member at the
7 date of expiration of the term of the appointed member. A
8 member shall serve until the successor of the member is
9 appointed and qualified.

10 C. After serving two terms, [members] a member
11 shall be ineligible to hold office as a commission member until
12 one full term has intervened. [No commissioner or candidate for
13 the commission] A member shall not accept anything of value
14 from a person or entity whose charges for services to the
15 public are regulated by the commission. "

16 Section 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution
17 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or
18 rejection at the next general election or at a special election
19 prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.